



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 189**  
**Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act of 2007**

*As reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 189 would establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park on 109 acres of land in Paterson, New Jersey. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 189 would cost the National Park Service (NPS) \$22 million over the 2008-2012 period and \$1 million a year thereafter. We estimate that enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 189 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COSTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 189 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	4	8	8
Estimated Outlays	1	1	4	8	8

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 189 would establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park at the site of the Great Falls Historic District, a National Historic Landmark in Paterson, New Jersey. Although the bill would authorize the NPS to acquire the 109-acre park site, CBO expects that most of this acreage would continue to be owned by the state, local nonprofit organizations, and private landowners. Under the bill, the park would be managed by the NPS under cooperative agreements with those entities and in consultation with a Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Commission, also to be established by the bill. In addition to operating the historical park, the NPS would restore and preserve historic structures, provide technical assistance to landowners, and create interpretive programs and materials such as signs and wayside exhibits.

Based on information provided by NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the agency would spend \$22 million over the 2008-2012 period to implement this legislation. Of this amount, we estimate that \$1 million a year would be spent to manage and operate the new historical park. In the first three years after enactment, the annual cost would include expenses to prepare a general management plan for the park and to complete a required study on preserving and interpreting the Hinchcliffe Stadium. We estimate that the agency would spend an additional \$5 million to construct administrative and visitor facilities and to install park exhibits over the 2010-2012 period. We estimate that \$12 million would be provided to local landowners over that same period for the preservation of historic properties within the park.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 189 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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